

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, Warren Norris, Gerald Mohr, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman Jerry Kent, Deborah Adams, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Councilwoman Janet Kile was absent.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order. Gerald Mohr made the motion to approve the July 12, 2011 minutes as presented. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REASSESSMENT- GENERAL FUND

Warren Norris made the motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$163,053.76 for the Reassessment funding of the General Fund. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HEALTH

Dr. Davis Ellis, Rush County Health Officer, discussed the GAP analysis that he and health nurse Marjorie Amos participated.

Dr. Ellis informed the council that his four (4) year contract as county health officer expires at the end of December, 2011. Dr. Ellis stated that the board of health appoints the health officer and recommends the salary.

Dr. Ellis stated that Dr. Dorothy Boersma has an interest in the position. Dr. Ellis explained the one big difference is that Dr. Boersma is not a retired doctor and would continue to work with Family Health Services, whereas he is a retired doctor.

Dr. Ellis stated that the Board of Health has recommended offering his position to Dr. Boersma in January of 2012. Dr. Ellis explained that the proposed budget was prepared reflecting his salary. Dr. Ellis stated that he and Deborah have discussed as to how to adjust at the first of 2012 if the council approves a higher salary for Dr. Boersma as the Health Board has now recommended.

Dr. Ellis discussed both sanitarian positions. Dr. Ellis informed the council that the part time sanitarian position has been removed for 2012. Kevin Spilman questioned Dr. Ellis about Reno Gosser. Dr. Ellis explained that Gosser will have the right to bid when the opportunity presents itself.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported thirty-four (34) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail. Sherwood reported that the air compressor of the air conditioner unit in the Inmate area of the jail needed replaced three (3) weeks ago. Sherwood stated that he worked with Deborah and found funding in Cum Cap to pay for the \$5,500.00 cost.

Sherwood reported that Matthew Hedrick has completed his one (1) year probation. A transfer will be made for his probationary pay.

Alan Rice will leave for the academy on September 12, 2011. Daniel Meyer will transfer to the position of jailer/road deputy.

Deborah Adams did report on the SBoA (State Board of Accounts) question regarding the inmate phone system monies going to the commissary fund. Adams stated that she received e-mail correspondence from Debbie Gibson; C.P.A. that audit exception will not be taken to phone commissions being deposited into the commissary fund, if the phones are in an area exclusive to the inmates. Adams stated that she verified thru conversation with Sheri Blackford that the phones are exclusive to the inmates.

Sherwood updated the council on the sheriff's pension plan. Sherwood stated that Chris Calloway of Morgan Stanley will meet in September with the merit board. Sherwood invited the council to also attend.

Discussion was held on the current vehicles. Sherwood noted that the Durango's all have high mileage.

EMA

Jeff Sherwood reported that the EMA Advisory Committee interviewed two (2) candidates Monday, August 8, 2011. Sherwood stated that there were three (3) applicants but only two (2) were able to attend the interview. Sherwood reported that the committee will make their recommendations during the Monday, August 15, 2011 Commissioners meeting.

DRAINAGE BOARD

Deborah Adams informed the council that the appropriation for extra member of the Drainage Board is short funding. Adams reported that after discussion with Surveyor Marvin Rees \$350.00 was needed for the remaining of the year. Bruce Levi made the motion for the advertising of the additional appropriation. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NON-BINDING REVIEWS

Non-Binding Resolutions with no recommendations were approved on the following units:

- RUSHVILLE TWP Motion by Gerald Mohr, Seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried
- GLENWOOD TOWN Motion by Jerry Kent, Seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried
- NOBLE TWP Motion by Kevin Spilman, Seconded by Gerald Mohr. Motion carried
- UNION TWP Motion by Jerry Kent, Seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried

- RUSHVILLE CITY Motion by Gerald Mohr, Seconded by Jerry Kent. Motion carried
- JACKSON TWP Motion by Gerald Mohr, Seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried
- RUSHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY Motion by Kevin Spilman, Seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried
- RICHLAND TWP Motion by Kevin Spilman, Seconded by Gerald Mohr. Motion carried
- CARTHAGE TOWN Motion by Warren Norris, Seconded by Gerald Mohr. Motion carried
- ORANGE TWP Motion by Kevin Spilman, Seconded by Jerry Kent. Motion carried

Deborah Adams stated that the following taxing units did not submit their completed County Council Property Tax Budget Review Form that was provided by the State Department of Local Government Finance. Adams explained that once the forms were submitted the council could perform the required non-binding review to the respective budgets. The following units are:

- ANDERSON TWP
- POSEY TWP
- RIPLEY TWP
- WALKER TWP
- CARTHAGE LIBRARY

The following taxing units have yet to submit any budget forms for the council to review:

- CENTER TWP
- WASHINGTON TWP

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, reported that FEMA representatives would be in the area regarding the levy. Todd discussed the county receiving and installation of the new digital flood plain maps. The maps will be installed on the GIS system.

I-T

Randy Herbert, I-T Director, discussed off-site storage with the council. Herbert estimated the cost to be between \$4,000.00 and \$6,000.00. Herbert recommended Net Noggin of South Bend. Leigh Morning had several questions regarding the contract to be answered prior to recommending its signing.

Discussion was held concerning NineStar Connect (Hancock Telecom) and their proposal. Jerry Kent asked Deborah to forward via e-mail the written proposals and for Herbert to figure how to pay for the contract by the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Bruce Levi. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion, motion carried.

<u>/s/Norman Winkler</u>	<u>/s/Warren Norris</u>	<u>/s/Gerald Mohr</u>
Norman Winkler, Chairman	Warren Norris	Gerald Mohr

<u>/s/Janet Kile</u>	<u>/s/Bruce Levi</u>	<u>/s/Kevin Spilman</u>
Janet Kile	Bruce Levi	Kevin Spilman

<u>/s/Jerry Kent</u>
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

<u>/s/Deborah C. Adams</u>
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor